

AFD's history goes back to 1912 Moore: Common goals are needed

Editor:

The beginnings of the Apopka Fire Department (AFD) are as rich in history as the rest of the city. The first records available date back to the year 1912, where a hose cart was housed in a wood-and-tin structure on the east side of Central Avenue between Third and Fourth streets. Volunteer firefighters were alerted to respond to a fire by the ringing of a bell located high on a pole beside the fire station.

As the city has grown over the last 100 years, many things have changed, but one thing has remained the same, AFD's commitment to providing its citizens the best service possible when it comes to fire and emergency services.

One of the best mitigation tools to ensure that a fire department is providing top-notch service is the coveted Insurance Service

Office (ISO) rating. Like accreditation, a good ISO fire rating demonstrates a commitment to excellence as verified by a third-party review and clearly demonstrates that a department is doing what it needs to be doing to help protect the community. This is proven through the review against best practices and shows a department how they are doing compared to those independent standards.

AFD has always looked for ways of enhancing responses to provide the best service possible to its citizens and improve the ISO rating for the community. One example of this type of innovative response was the utilization of "Squad" vehicles. These "Squad" vehicles were an adapted idea from Houston Fire Department and are utilized to move manpower to places they were needed in a smaller, faster vehicle. In areas like Hous-

ton and Apopka, which are very spread out, these types of vehicles proved invaluable. The AFD began using these types of vehicles in 2002, which led to their first rating of Insurance Service Office (ISO) 1 in 2004. In 2004, Apopka was only one of 45 departments in the country, and only one of five in the state to earn this rating. Apopka currently has two Squad vehicles, one at Station 1 (Squad 1) and one at Station 5 (Squad 5). These vehicles provide four fire/EMS personnel throughout the city in a quick and efficient manner.

To determine ISO rating for fire departments, ISO conducts a field survey and scores the department across four key areas using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). These areas include Emergency Communication

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them understand how the jurisdictions function together will take a few more years. Solutions require a thorough and deep understanding of many engaged individuals.

In some cases, the jurisdictional aspects of responsibility are so complicated, I have to call Public Works staff to check on who owns what. For example: Sheeler Road/Avenue have a jumble of responsibilities. As we prepare for the Corridor of the Year contest, I wanted the county and city to do their part. So, I had the county trim trees off the right-of-way on the county section and asked Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson to do the

city sections. I had to understand the jurisdictions before any improvements could be commenced.

It is challenging for leaders at all levels to work together. The final challenge rests with the quality and role of HOA boards. It is an important part of the entire process. I often attend meetings and talk with board members.

Ultimately, you cannot leave all of the roles in keeping a community in shape to elected officials. Quite frankly, that would be a return to a sort of divine right of kings, autocracy, or even socialism. Democracy means we citizens regularly exercise a foundational role. It is not enough to quip on social media and think that will

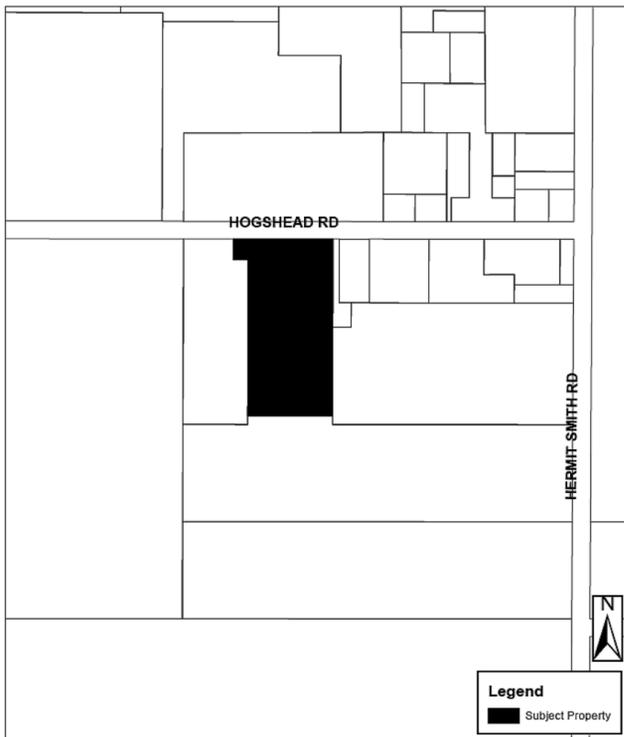
enact change. If you want a downtown, show up to meetings. These meetings include your HOA, community service groups, and, yes, all local government meetings. Inviting an elected official to speak at your organization's meeting is very helpful as well.

Finally, to the diehard readers who want to improve their main streets - read author and planner Bill Kercher's books. Upon my request, he donated copies to all branch libraries. As a recognized leader in the Planning industry, Kercher talks about building character into your neighborhood, your main street, and your town. This work of rebuilding our communities is vital and requires we all do our part.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **TARA TEDROW** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW OUTDOOR STORAGE.**

This application relates to the following described property located on the southwest corner of Hogshead Road and Hermit Smith Road:



Parcel Identification Number: 02-21-27-0000-00-018
Contains: 3.93 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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is important to hear from those people.

Over the past three years, I have consistently pushed to increase the amount of feedback from our community, especially at our board meetings. I will continue to do so.

Currently, at school board meetings, the public can come forward to share concerns with the school board.

It is a great opportunity to hear from parents, teachers, and community members about the things that are important to them. I wish more people took advantage of this opportunity.

This has always been very enlightening to me as a board member. Issues have been raised that start a discussion with the superintendent or are followed up by staff and eventually resolved.

Before every regular board meeting, we have a 30-minute pre-agenda meeting to allow the community to come speak on any topic they desire. It does not have to be an agenda item.

Before the COVID

pandemic, I pushed to have these comments televised and possibly extended.

In addition, we have public comment on items that the board is scheduled to take official action on during our regular board meetings with an agenda published a week ahead of time online.

The public can sign up to speak on any of the topics that are listed on that agenda during the regular board meeting and the board must hear all the speakers.

What needs to end is the circus being run to score political points. It's not productive. It doesn't help. It doesn't bring us to a consensus.

At our last pre-agenda meeting, the back of the room was filled with speakers holding signs protesting our temporary mask mandate. They were shouting, cursing, interrupting the other speakers, and generally disruptive.

The school board chair had to recess the meeting twice because the room was so noisy.

When we reached our time limit for the pre-agenda meeting, the school board chair adjourned the

meeting so that we could prepare for our regular board meeting. The crowd became very angry that every speaker was not heard.

This is not an issue only facing Orange County Public Schools. It's an issue that has happened in Seminole County, in Brevard County, and in counties across Florida and the United States.

I understand the issue of masks has become a very passionate subject, but no one deserves to be spoken to the way school board members across the nation are being spoken to. It is not the way to effect public policy.

I know some people are unhappy with our decision to require masks in our schools. No one wants to wear masks and no one wants to see our children in masks, including myself.

But I believe it is one, easy mitigation strategy we can put into place to slow the spread in our schools.

My goal has always been to keep kids in school and to keep schools open.

As soon as school began, cases were spreading like wild fires, entire class-

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mix and mingle for a time, they would open the gate to the slaughter line and up the ramp the goat would lead with his bell, clanging loudly keeping the sheep from concentrating on the truth of what was going on. After leading the sheep into the inner pen, the goat would be turned into a safe pen. By that time, it was too far gone to change anything for the sheep. The name they called the goat, the Judas Goat!

We need to recognize the Judas Goats and ignore their loud, boisterous, ringing of their bells as they tell us we're so di-

vided and we need them to lead us to deliverance. I'm sick of this minority label! In our nation, there are no minorities. Our Constitution states we are equal and there is nothing minor about equal! Are there wrongs done? You bet there are, but I refuse to qualify them by recognizing them or taking part in them.

Each of us is responsible for one another's safety and, as Americans, it is time we started acting like it. We have one national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," one flag, Old Glory, and one Pledge of Allegiance. I think anyone who bends and bows

to those who would change the greatest nation in the world should be ostracized and shown to be a coward.

I used to be one of football's greatest fans, and I still love collegiate ball, but the NFL has shown themselves to be less than men and have capitulated. How about it? Does that Judas Goat keep you in line? It takes courage to stand in the face of danger, but we are Americans! We are a people noted for strength in adversity.

God bless our nation and those that are driven by love of freedom's liberty for our families and our fellow patriots!

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

Established 1923
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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.



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www.theapokkachief.com, news@theapokkachief.com



City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
Keith Truenow	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441

Park-Sandpiper development gets review by city staff

By John Peery
Apopka Chief Staff

Several items came before the city of Apopka's Development Review Committee (DRC) but most were given the green light by the panel with little discussion. The DRC is made up of representatives of the various city of Apopka departments.

The proposed development that received the most discussion was a proposed gas station, convenience store, and other retail at 803 N. Park Ave. on the northeast corner of the intersection of Park Avenue and Sandpiper Street.

Currently, the property houses an abandoned former convenience store that had two gas pumps while a coin-operated laundry continues to operate in another portion of the same building as the convenience store.

The former gas station was operating under



City officials are in talks with a developer about the plans for this area at the northeast corner of Park Avenue and Sandpiper Street.

a non-conforming use and the new developer must receive a special exception for the proposed gas station to be approved. Final approval for special exceptions lies with the Apopka Planning Commission.

Plans call for the current building of 3,950 square feet that was built in 1973 to be rehabilitated and for two other buildings for retail, office, or restaurant businesses to be built on the parcel. One of the new buildings would be

L-shaped and have 12,500 square feet. Part of the building would face Park Avenue as the current building does, and part would face to the north. The other building of 4,750 square feet would face Sandpiper Street.

Among the issues brought up by DRC members was the fact that the city has plans to re-align the intersection and install a traffic signal there. Pam Richmond, the city's transportation coordinator and

DRC member, said that the timing of the proposed development could mean that the developer would have to pay for the intersection improvements. The developer's representative said his client would not want to do that.

Bobby Howell, the city's planning manager, asked the representative if the proposed gas station and convenience store would be the highest and best use of the property. He told Howell that the developer felt like it was and that he had already ordered gas tanks for the parcel.

In order to receive the approval of the special exception for the gas station, the developer must pass a 12-point review as applied by the Planning Commission.

Among the 12 points is that the development, "will avoid significant adverse odor, noise, glare, and vibration impacts on surrounding lands regarding refuse collection, service delivery, parking and loading, signs, lighting, and other site elements."

Golden Orchard Estates

The largest residential proposed development that DRC members looked at was the construction site plan for Golden Orchard Estates.

Planned for a 35-1/2-acre parcel, Golden Orchard Estates will have 165 single-family homes located at 4550 Golden Gem Road on the west side of Golden Gem Road and south of Kelly Park Road.

The property is within a mile of the State Road 429 interchange with Kelly Park Road, so it falls under special zoning rules for that area.

Plans call for 77 houses on 50-foot wide lots and 88 bungalow-type houses on 32-foot wide lots. The 77 houses will have a minimum of 1,400 square feet, while the bungalow houses will have a minimum living area of 1,250 square feet.

All of the houses will

have a two-car garage. The garages on the 32-foot lots will be rear-loaded off of an alley, while the houses on the wider lots will have front-loaded garages.

The housing development will have a pool with a cabana.

Rezoning

Two parcels totaling more than 38 acres located on the west side of Jason Dwellley Parkway between Appy Lane and the K-8 school under construction are up for rezoning as the owners – Ever Meadow, LLC and Village of Fame, LLC – want to change the zoning from Residential Single-Family Estate District RSF-1A and Planned Development District to Residential Single-Family District-Large Lot, RSF-1B.

The owners are seeking to build 76 single-family houses.

Currently, the planned subdivision has the name of Acuera Estates.

DRC members had no comments on the rezoning.

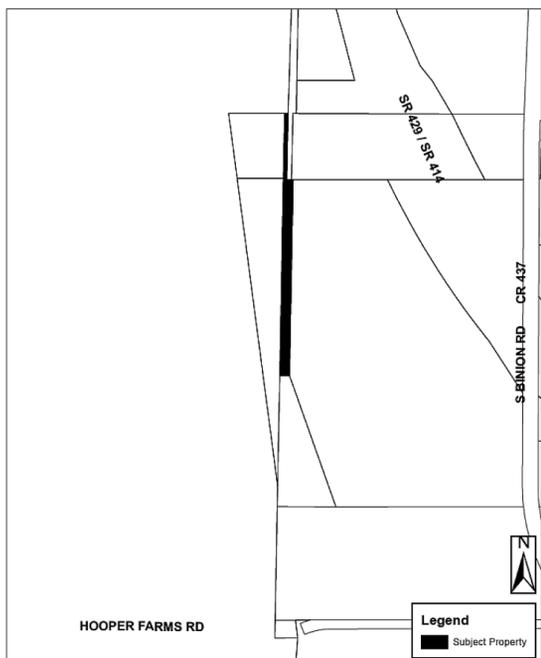
South Mews at Avian Pointe

DRC members also

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **JCF LIVING c/o TARA TEDROW** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL (1 DU/10 AC) TO CITY MIXED-USE (15 DU/AC AND 1.0 FAR AND A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) DISTRICT TO CITY MU-ES-GT (MIXED-USE - EAST SHORE - GATEWAY) SUBDISTRICT FOR 1.53 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property located west of SR 429 and north of Hooper Farms Road.



Parcel Identification Number: 18-21-28-0000-00-101
Contains: 1.53 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2864

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL (1 DU/10 AC) TO CITY MIXED-USE (15 DU/AC AND 2.0 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF HOOPER FARMS ROAD; OWNED BY BERT E ROPER AND BARBARA C ROPER FAMILY LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, COMPRISING 1.53 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2865

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) DISTRICT TO CITY MU-ES-GT (MIXED-USE - EAST SHORE - GATEWAY) SUBDISTRICT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF HOOPER FARMS ROAD; OWNED BY BERT E ROPER AND BARBARA C ROPER FAMILY LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, COMPRISING 1.53 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Apopka Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, beginning at 1:30 P.M.** and on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, beginning at 7:00 P.M.**

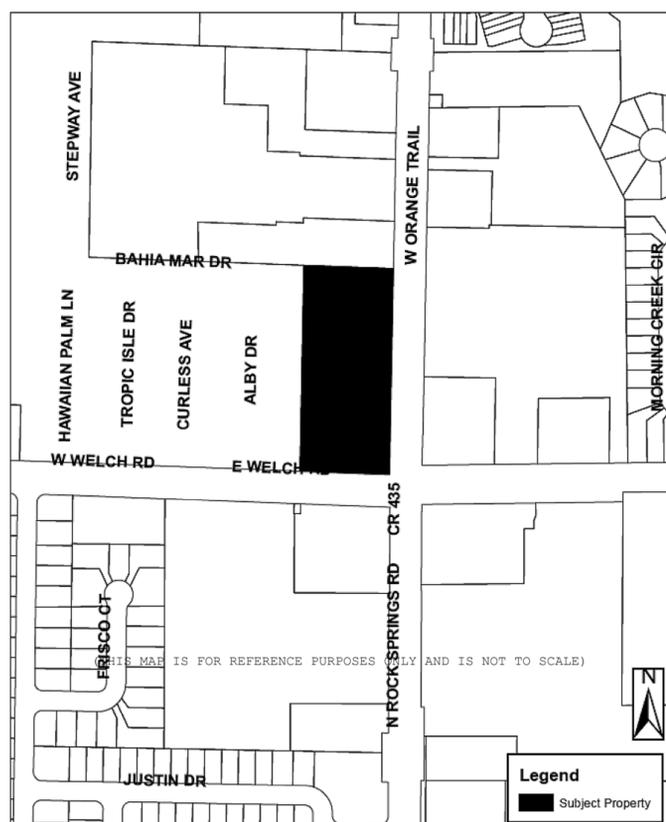
Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), that **Jonathan Huels** has made an application, to the City of Apopka City Council, and Apopka Planning Commission for a **change in zoning from T (Transitional) to C-COR (Corridor Commercial).** This application relates to the following described property located at 1506 Rock Springs Road.

Vicinity



Parcel I.D.: 33-20-28-0000-00-029
Contains: 3.99 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2871

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO C-COR (CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1506 ROCKS SPRINGS ROAD, COMPRISING 3.9 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND REID MARY F ESTATE PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2871 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible AND on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Zoning can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Food: Average entree cost at event will be \$8-\$10

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the reasons the Apopka amphitheater is such a great place, aside from our partnership with the city, is that it is very open. There's plenty of seating so people can adjust their seating as they wish, as they're inclined. So, it was actually the ideal place."

Before the pandemic, a typical Food Truck Wars would host 40 vendors and see upward of 20,000 in a crowd. Now, because of COVID-19, circumstances will be different in Apopka, where there will be a maximum of 30 vendors.

"In the past, we've had 15,000 to 20,000 people attend, but I don't anticipate that happening for Apopka. It's hard to say what that number will be. It could be

1,000. It could be 5,000 – I really don't know. But we purposely, again, scaled back everything all around the event to make sure we're not bringing that many people together, although we really don't have any control at the end of the day."

Food truck entrants will be eligible for the following prizes: **Corny Award**, **People's Choice Award**, **Top Sales**, **Delectable Dessert**, and **Casual Cuisine**.

Attendees will judge the **People's Choice Award**. **Celebrity chef judges**, spearheaded by **Chef Jim Whaples**, president emeritus of the **Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association**, will judge other categories.

"The **People's Choice** is obviously chosen by the people," Otts said. "We'll have a booth where people

can go and choose their favorite truck. That's pretty much the most prestigious award because everybody loves to be judged by the people who are actually attending."

"Although the judges are very qualified to judge food, they have criteria for the way that they judge, and to be honest with you, that's not my forte."

They do have a whole process that they go through and judging criteria that lead them to the winner of that portion of the event."

Why do food trucks have mass appeal?

"I think because, for this particular event, I always felt like it brings the community together," Otts said. "We get a lot of young families, which is what I love. I come from a military

background where we had block parties all the time, so this is kind of my version of a block party."

The Apopka Food Truck Wars will feature live music with the band **Trickle Down**, a beer garden, a kids' area and a rock-climbing wall.

Admission is free. However, food costs range from \$3 to \$18, with the average entree cost being \$8 to \$10.

Food Truck Wars schedule

Noon-Opening ceremonies and introductions:

2 p.m.-First round of eliminations begins

3 p.m.-Second round of eliminations begins

4 p.m.-Judging completed

5:30 p.m.-Food Truck Wars awards announced

7 p.m.-Food Truck Wars ends

Food Truck Wars trucks

Food Truck Wars contestant lineup

BYOB Food Truck, Orlando
Chikiz Empanadas, Lakeland
Fully Loaded, Kissimmee
BaoHouz, Winter Garden
Seafood Bandits, Orlando
Rib Runner BBQ, Orlando
Up in Smoke BBQ, Orlando
K&E Italian Kitchen, Kissimmee
Lees Famous Cheese-steaks, Winter Garden
Bowls for Tu, Kissimmee
CoDeez, Orlando
La Petite Cheree, Jacksonville
Tacos Mazatlan, Lake Nona
DaLeos, Clermont
Apps, Burgers & Wings, Orlando
Camel Town Tacos, Orlando

Paula's Jamaican Grill, Orlando
Chi Phi, Orlando
Heavenly Eats & Treats, Apopka
Woodsons Wrap Shack, Sanford
Cafe Rouge Express, Sanford
Simply Boba, Orlando
Red Zepplin, Dania
King of Wings, Orlando
The Knot, Sanford
Artisan Experience, Orlando
Florida Juice Company, Sebastian
Grandmas BBQ, Orlando
Florida Flava, Winter Park
Amish Pretzel Co., Astatula
Peter Johns Ice Cream, Wintermere
Tainted Treats, Orlando
Kona Ice, Seminole County

Voting for Best of Apopka has ended

Voting has ended in the 2021 Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards as more than 41,100 votes were cast through the online voting system.

Sponsored by *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter*, the Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards honors the achievements of businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals in the Apopka area.

Businesses that place in the top three in each category

will be notified by telephone or email no later than Wednesday, September 29.

The first-, second-, and third-place finishers in the various categories will be announced in the 2021 Best of Apopka Reader's Choice Awards publication that will be published in *The Apopka Chief* on Friday, October 29, and in *The Planter* on Thursday, November 4.

This is the 11th year for the Best of Apopka awards.

Every year in August and September, the voting process is opened for the Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards.

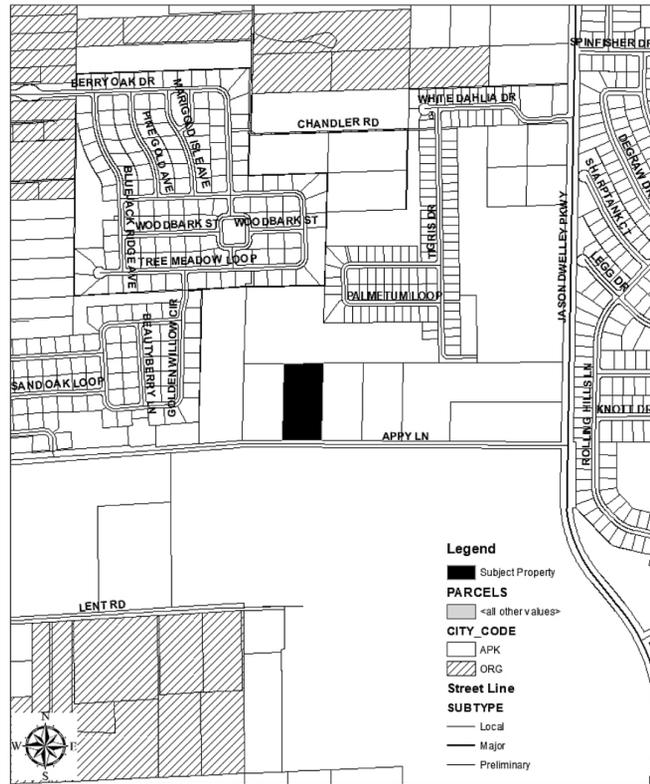
During this five-and-a-half-week window everyone can vote for whatever local store, restaurant, business or person he or she feels should hold a 2021 Best of Apopka title.

For more information, call *The Apopka Chief* at 407-886-2777.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3187 and 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), that **Robert and Mary Singh** have made an application, to the City of Apopka City Council, and Apopka Planning Commission for a **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 4.92 +/- acres from Residential Very Low Suburban to Agriculture and a change in zoning from RSF-1A (Residential Single-Family Estate District) to AG (Agriculture District)**. This application relates to the following described property located North of Appy Lane and West of Jason Dwelley Parkway.

Vicinity Map



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel I.D.: 18-20-28-0000-00-071
Contains: 4.92 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2878

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO AGRICULTURE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF APPY LANE AND WEST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY, COMPRISING 4.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY ROBERT AND MARY SINGH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2879

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE DISTRICT) TO AG (AGRICULTURE DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF APPY LANE AND WEST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY, COMPRISING 4.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY ROBERT AND MARY SINGH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the change of Future Land Use and change of zoning requests at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Further, notice is given that public hearings For Ordinance Nos. 2878 and Ordinance No. 2879 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible AND on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

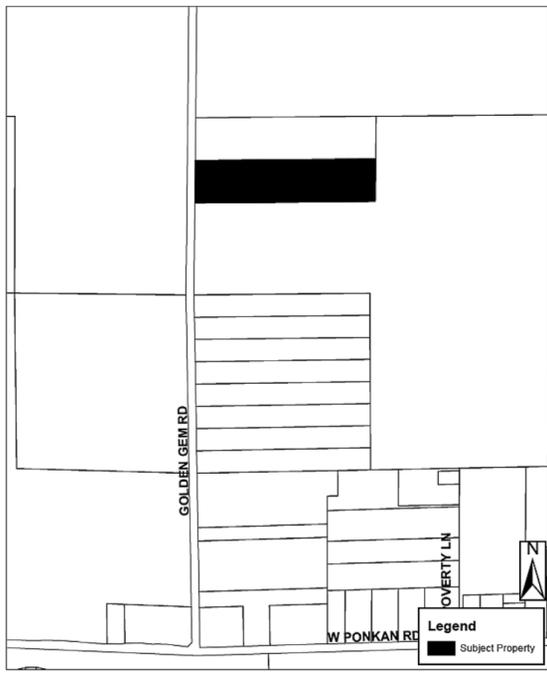
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CITY OF APOPKA FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

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ORDINANCE NO. 2875

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RURAL SETTLEMENT (1 DU/AC) TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, AND OWNED BY ALBERT MCKIMMIE AND INCATASCIATO SUSAN, COMERISING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 24-20-27-0000-00-108
Contains: 10.00 +/- Acres

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FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2875 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Housing: In all, Orange County set aside \$13.8 million for housing

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community resources.”
The other three affordable housing projects the county’s \$13.18 million will be dedicated to are as follows:

*A \$31.5-million project consisting of 156 units near at the northeast corner of West Colonial and North Pine Hills Road in Pine Hills.

*A \$21.6-million project to build 90 units adjacent to an affordable housing community for 55-and-older seniors near Evans High School, also in Pine Hills.

*A \$23-million project to build 84 units at the southeast corner of 45th Street

and Rio Grande Avenue in Orlando.

The Housing for All Action Plan proposes to build 30,300 housing units in 10 years, which equals 35 percent of the total housing units of 86,100 projected for development within the same timeframe.

The plan “addresses housing affordability and supply by removing regulatory barriers, creating new financial resources, targeting areas of access and opportunity, and engaging the community and industry,” according to information from Orange County states.

Out of the 86,100 houses expected to be built in Orange County by 2030,

11,000 units will be “affordable,” meaning it’s for a family of four with a household income between \$26,000-\$83,000, according to the outline of the Housing for All Action Plan. “Attainable” housing is for household incomes of \$83,000-\$97,000; 19,300 units will be categorized as “attainable.” “Market rate” housing is for household incomes of at least \$97,000 and over; 55,800 units will be considered “market rate.”

The housing units will add to the swath of developments that already exist and are coming to the Apopka City Center, a 35-acre mixed-use development at the intersection

of U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 436. Already there is the 114-room Hilton Garden Inn as well as the historic Highland Manor, which is used by Dubs-dread Catering as a catering hall and event venue.

Once completed, the city center will have 200,000 square feet of space for restaurants, retail and office space, as well as homes and the Hilton Garden Inn hotel.

Already planned for the city center is a Winn-Dixie supermarket and a food hall. Both are expected to be developed in the first quarter of 2022, Craig Govan, the city center’s master developer on behalf

of Taurus Investment Holdings, has said.

Proposed for construction near the former UCF Business Incubator site on the north side of U.S. 441, the Winn-Dixie is conceived as a 45,000 square-foot, modern version of its store.

The food hall will be a 12,000-square foot facility with outdoor seating consisting of a brewery and multiple restaurant concepts. It will be built south of U.S. 441 and east of the Hilton Garden Inn at the City Center.

The food hall will be similar in concept to the Crooked Can Brewing Company and Plant Street

Market in Winter Garden.

The Apopka City Center is a public-private partnership between the city of Apopka and Taurus Investment Holdings.

NV5 provided both the private development engineering as well as the public roadway improvements design. The public roadway improvements included 3/4-mile of Florida Department of Transportation roadway widening, turn lane improvements, and two new traffic signals. It also included almost a half-mile of city street improvements, including a new roundabout on McGee Avenue next to the Hilton Garden Inn.

City: Two warehouses planned for Cooper Palms Pkwy.

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looked at 102 townhomes proposed for the South Mews at Avian Pointe. It will be built on a parcel of 13.85 acres in seven buildings with 12 of the buildings having eight townhomes each and one building having six units.

Each townhome unit will be 23-feet wide with

the end units being a few inches wider.

The townhome community will front Grand Avian Parkway, which is the spine road for the overall housing project.

Avian Pointe is located next to State Road 429 and north of Lust Road, the road that leads to the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. There are single-family

homes, townhomes, and apartments planned for the community. It is also expected to house an elementary school, but the timeframe for the construction of the school has not been announced.

Other items

RFL Management, Inc. is seeking to build a 20,000-square foot ware-

house building at 341 Cooper Palms Parkway just east of Bradshaw Road. The one-story building will have 42 parking spaces.

Across the street and a little west of the proposed RFL Management warehouse is one planned for Four J’s, LLC, that will be located at 350 Cooper Palms Parkway.

Plans call for a 4,000-square foot office area and 8,800 square feet of the one-story warehouse for a total building size of 12,800 square feet.

Development agreements

There were four development agreements on the DRC agenda, but all four were given the OK without any discussion.

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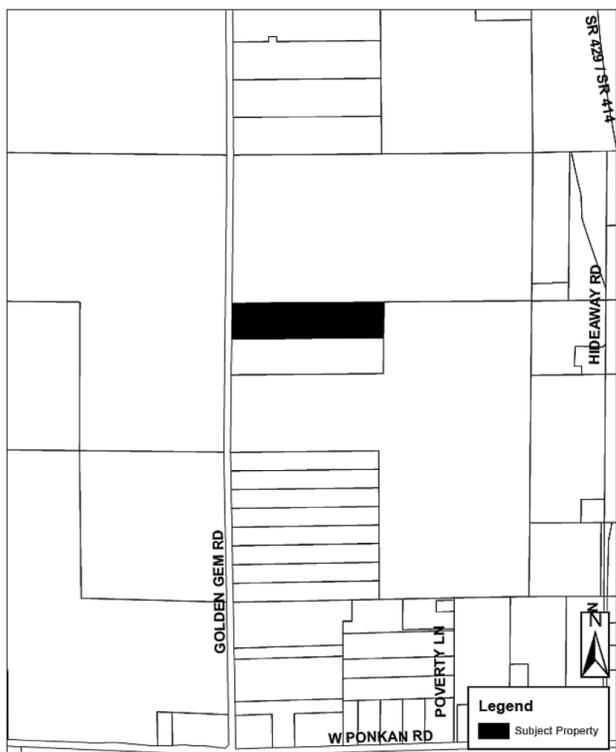
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ORDINANCE NO. 2874

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RURAL SETTLEMENT (1 DU/AC) TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, AND OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER CROSBY JOHNSON, COMPRISING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 24-20-27-0000-00-099
Contains: 10.00 +/- Acres

Notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2874 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

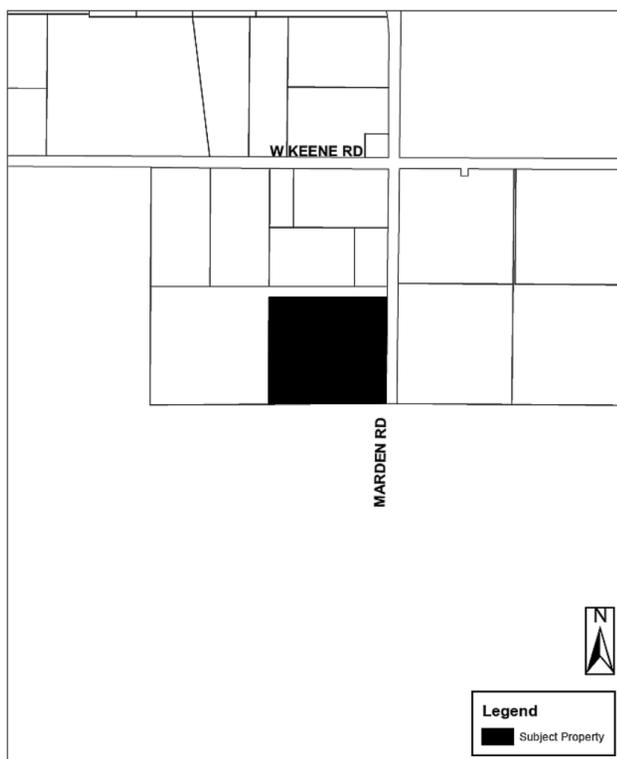
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that **G L SUMMITT ENGINEERING, INC. C/O GEOFFREY SUMMITT** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY.** This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2876

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) DISTRICT TO RSF-1B (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY-LARGE LOT) DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF KEENE ROAD AND WEST OF MARDEN ROAD, COMPRISING 8.81 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY NANAK INVESTMENTS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 29-21-28-0000-00-020
Contains: 8.81 +/- Acres

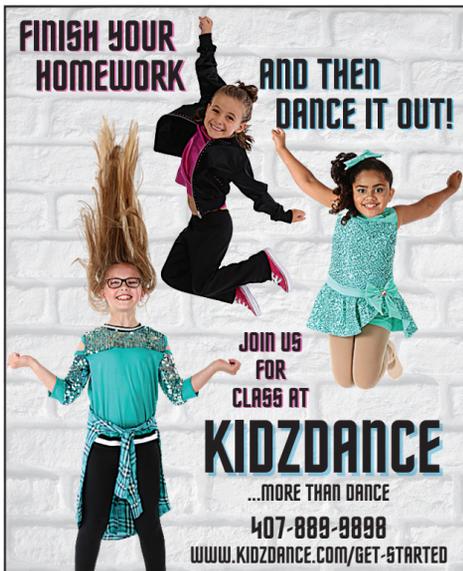
Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 2876 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2841 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, AND **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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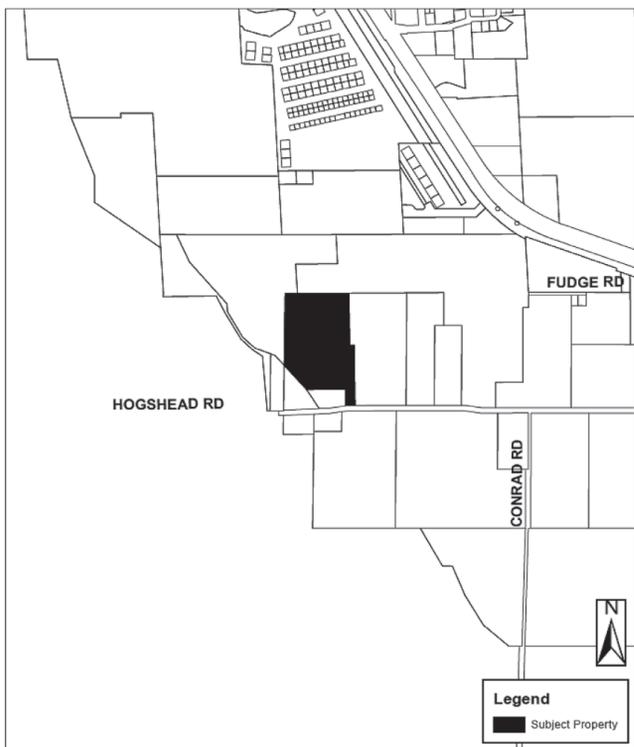
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **TARA TEDROW** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW OUTDOOR STORAGE**.

This application relates to the following described property located north of Hogshead Road and southwest of U.S. 441:



Parcel Identification Number: 02-21-27-0000-00-023
 Contains: 17.64 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Library plans virtual, in-person events

Virtual Event: Baby's First Fall
 Mondays, October 4, 18, 10-10:45 a.m.

The air is crisp, the apples are ripe, a fall gathering sounds just about right! Recommended for ages 0-18 months and their caregivers.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Babys%20First%20Fall%20&sort_by=timestamp

Virtual Event: Fall Festival
 Tuesday, October 5, noon-12:30 p.m.

Celebrate fall with stories, games and activities featuring apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves. Recommended for preschoolers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5507010>

Virtual Event: Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop
 Thursday, October 7, 4 p.m.-5p.m.

Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important pre-reading skills. Recommended for adults who care for children ages 0-5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5499069>

In-Person: Wildflower Garden Grand Opening StoryWalk
 West Oaks Branch
 Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m.-noon

Calling all nature lovers! Celebrate the grand opening of the West Oaks Wildflower Garden with a StoryWalk and fun take-home crafts for families. Drop-in anytime between 10 a.m. and Noon.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5420331>

Virtual Event: Healthy Relationships
 Tuesday, October 12, 7-8 p.m.

Identify the characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships through interactive scenarios. Learn effective communication within relationships. Recommended for ages 10-18 and their caregiver.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5462028>

Virtual Event: S is for Scarecrow
 Wednesday, October 13, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

It's harvest time! We've gathered a bountiful blend of stories, songs and activities to celebrate the season.

Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5511563>

Virtual Event: Growing Up WILD - Lunch for a Bear
 Wednesday, October 13, 11-11:30 a.m.

Children will learn about black bears and identify the kinds of foods they eat. Recommended for ages 3-5. Presented as a part of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Project WILD.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5457521>

Virtual Events: Cuisine Corner: Ropa Vieja
 Wednesday, October 13, 6 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning how to make *ropa vieja*. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows us how to prepare this traditional Cuban, Puerto Rican and Dominican Republic dish made with shredded flank steak and vegetables.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5373756>

Virtual Event: Mayor Buddy's Book Club End-of-Book Party
 Thursday, October 14, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of the book, "Power Forward," by Hena Khan! There will be a live Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8-12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5319985>

Virtual Event: Hispanic Heritage Livestream Featuring Evan and Vanessa
 Thursday, October 14, 7-7:45pm

Enjoy the award-winning bilingual children's band, Evan and Vanessa. Tune in and listen to peaceful music recently named "Best New Latin Kid's Music Groups". Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5441977>

Virtual Event: Origami Boat Paper Circuits
 Saturday, October 16, 11 a.m.-noon

Learn beginner electronics with paper circuits and apply the same principles to an origami boat. No boating license required!

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5515643>

Virtual Event: The Beatles in Florida
 Sunday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.

We know that the Beatles toured America in 1964 but did you know that they spent a lot of time in Florida? Learn about their stay at the Deauville Hotel, their performance at the Gator Bowl, and more.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5523356>

Virtual Event: Star Wars Galactic Games
 Monday, October 18, 6-6:45 p.m.

Out-of-this-world trivia, games and a craft to see if you have the force. Recommended for ages 6-12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5535862>

Virtual Event: Legal Matters: Probate & Estate Planning
 Wednesday, October 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discuss probate and estate planning with an ex-

pert from the community. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5567466>

Virtual Event: Write a Novel in a Month with NaNoWriMo
 Saturday, Sunday, October 23, 24, 1-5 p.m.

Join National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) veterans to discuss plot, character, world building, an overview of NaNoWriMo 2021 and tips for making it through.

https://www.ocls.info/classesevents?search_api_views_fulltext=Write%20a%20Novel%20in%20a%20Month%20with%20NaNoWriMo%20&sort_by=timestamp

Virtual Event: Camera Ready Screams
 Monday, October 25, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Create special FX makeup! A little bit of everything from scars to bruises and blood. Learn how to apply prosthetics and design your own, from items around the home. Recommended for ages 13+.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5542745>

Virtual Event: Cuisine Corner: Vegetable Samosa
 Monday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Culinary expert Dianne Morin demonstrates how to create flavorful vegetable samosas served with a mouth-watering cilantro and mint chutney.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5356835>

Virtual Event: Little Chef - Pumpkin Patch
 Tuesday, October 26, 11 a.m.-noon

Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, measuring, and presentation and interact with a delicious recipe. Adult participation is required. Recommended for ages 3 to 5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/5481055>

Signal: Plaza owner paying for changes

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has begun on the modifications that Sprouts wants for its store there.

The location was already modified by Lucky's Market and was expected to open soon after in early 2020, but Lucky's closed all of its stores in Florida just prior to the store opening.

City and county officials have been working to fill the store and Sprouts was announced as the new tenant by Mayor Bryan

Nelson a few weeks ago. Wekiwa Springs Road is located in unincorporated Orange County so county officials had to sign off on the project.

Richmond said that she has worked closely with Orange County traffic officials, representatives of Woolbright Development, owners of Wekiwa Riverwalk, and engineers from Kinley-Horn to try to resolve the traffic concerns.

In addition to the traffic signal, another entrance to the plaza located to the

north of the main entrance next to a daycare will be re-configured to allow traffic from that entrance to travel south on a plaza travel lane. When that traffic enters the other plaza entrance area, it must turn right into the drive lane in front of the plaza's stores.

Woolbright Development is paying for the new traffic signal and all of the modifications to the median and plaza parking lot.

The soon-to-be Sprouts store is expected to open in March 2022.

Election: Runoff would be April 12

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er's seat is \$648 based on a salary of \$16,200.

No matter how he or she qualifies, the candidate must pay the 1-percent assessment fee to the state.

Candidates who wish to qualify by petition, must receive 355 verified signatures from registered voters living in the city of Apopka, which is 1 percent of the 35,508 registered voters from the last city election. Candidates must submit the signatures before noon on

the 28th day preceding the first day of qualifying, December 27. The candidates who submit the signatures must pay 10 cents per signature for verification and certification of the signatures.

Those wishing to run for office in the city of Apopka election must have lived in Apopka for one year prior to the date of the election.

Apopka residents wishing to vote in the 2022 city election must be registered to vote by February 7,

2022, at 5 p.m. The registration books are open now.

The election will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If a runoff election is necessary for any of the offices, it will be held Tuesday, April 12, at the same time.

Early voting will take place from Monday, February 28, 2022, through Friday, March 4, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. only at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office, 119 W. Kaley St., Orlando.

Chamber: Results are achievable

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It doesn't work in a vacuum."

Tamez said talking with other people is a way of achieving results, and

that marketing and advertising could look like a mountain. To emphasize his point, he quoted English poet William Blake: "Great things happen when men and mountains meet; this is not

done jostling in the street." "So I would say there's data, there's research, there's response. What fits best for your company, go out and attack your mountain," Tamez said.